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Notes From Your President Mark Schwing. . .

January 2007

President's Letter



Happy New Year to one and all. May the year of 2007 be another great time for our Model A hobby.

I would like to congratulate and thank John Knox, Larry Mortensen, Jeanne Parrish and Greg Earhart for joining the board. Thanks and congratulations to Peter and Ana Hyland for continuing as editors of "The Distributor". In fact double congratulations are due since the newsletter won another award at the MAFCA Annual Banquet in Las Vegas this past December.

It takes a lot of effort to put together such an outstanding newsletter each month and Peter depends on each of you for articles. Don't hesitate to put together a technical article or a short story about your Model A and submit it to Peter for publication.

The activities team headed by John Knox has already worked out a schedule of events for this year and they will be posted here in "The Distributor". It promises to be a busy year of fun with our Model A's.

The annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 25 is approaching very fast. That event provides a very large portion of our club's income. We still need a Raffle Chairman. Duties include making up the individual cards and setting all the goodies out on that Sunday. Dan Adelmann and Lew Lewis have already started asking donors for prizes and they are beginning to trickle in to my business location for temporary storage. If I don't get a volunteer at the January meeting, I'll use president's prerogative and draft someone! Don't forget that we always accept items from our members too.

Santa brought me a great book this past year. I highly recommend it to those of you who like to read about the Model A.

The book is "The Legendary Model A Ford-The ultimate History of one of America's Great Automobiles" Second Edition by Peter Winniewisser. Many of the great color photographs were taken by our own Jim Dunn. The book has a retail price of \$39.95 but Amazon.com lists it for under \$28 plus shipping.

Although a little late for Christmas, I also received a DVD called "The Milestone Model A". It just arrived this morning and I haven't watched it yet but it is reported to be very good. It is put out by the Ford Motor Company and covers the history of the 20 millionth Ford, a 1931 S/W Town Sedan for its production, advertising tours, its rediscovery after being lost for 50 years and its restoration. Perhaps some of you saw the car at the Riverside National Convention several years ago. I'll report more on the DVD next month. Perhaps we can show it at one of our meetings. The cost is only \$25 including shipping. I'll bring some order forms to the next meeting.

The new MAFCA president for 2007 is George Fontaine. George plans to do more to encourage youth involvement in our hobby.

You will be asked to approve the newly revised club by-laws at the January meeting. Copies will be available at the meeting.

LET'S KEEP DRIVING THOSE MODEL A's!!!

This Month's Cover



Mosaic created by Wade Ratzlaff and contains about 150 pictures from OCMAFCA activities.



Activity Schedule

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(NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

✓ **Deadline for next *Distributor* is:**
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NEXT MEETING DATE

January 11, 2007
7:30 PM

OCMAFCA 2007 Touring Goals

John Knox – **Tour Coordinator**

Glenn & Sharon did a superb job these last few years. We need to keep up the momentum and encourage new and more people to go on tours. We have a great committee for planning and guiding tours for both day and extended tours. They are listed below.

Our goal for **ALL ONE DAY TOURS** is for us to depart from (AND return to) various departure points and then meet up at the main departure point. The consistency of the same point for each tour should help people to feel more comfortable as to where they are going and to know that someone would be there to accompany them to the main group starting point and, as desired, to return there at the end. This will require you to let us know when you plan to go on a tour, and from which departure point, so we can notify you of any changes. If any questions, phone me or your area coordinator. **Unless noted, all day tours are non freeway tours. Area departure groups going to the main starting point, from a distance, can decide if they want to use the freeway to get to the starting point.**

Area Departure Points (for all one day tours):

Mid County - Denny's at Lincoln and Tustin.
South County - Laguna Hills Mall Ruby's

North County - Denny's @ Imperial off ramp from
N. 57 fwy.

West County - Coco's Parking lot Valley View

Area Departure Coordinator

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John Knox 562-697-2545

Terry Hardgrave 714-842-7554

Touring rules are on page 76 of the 2005 roster to help you understand the protocol of Model A touring.

2007 TOUR CALENDAR

Jan 20 (SAT) San Antonio Winery and luncheon.
9:30 a.m leave from at Cocos Valley View. **Freeway route.**
Tour Leader **Don Miller.**

Feb 10 (SAT). "Art in Public Places" Tour and luncheon. Tour Leader **John Knox** 9:30 AM. Meet at Knoxes for coffee and doughnuts. Lunch at the end of the tour at a mixed venue place in Brea. (Please see article on page 13)

Mar 25 (SUN).Orange County Pancake Breakfast
— no tour but bring your car.

Apr 12-15 (THURS–SUN.) Laughlin Tour There will be sign up sheets at January meeting.

Apr TBA - Tour to Coto de Caza Non freeway and all surface streets - Tour Leaders Terry Hardgrave and Dean Berto

Apr 26-29 (THURS-SUN) CCRG at Yosemite Tanaya Lodge – sign up sheets at January meeting. Info: Ken Wallat 559-638-4746 or 209-372-4003. e-mail: mwall@inreach.com

May TBA Dinghy Poker Run – Tour Leader Don Miller

May 30 – Jun. 16 Yellowstone and Mt. Rushmore - Tour Leader Glenn Johnson

May 31-June 3 (THURS-SUN) NCRG (Northern California Regional) Sacramento

June TBA Henry Ford Picnic
Tour Leader: Don Miller

July 12-15 (THURS-SUN) Wings n' Wheels
Tour Leader: Don Miller

July 21 (SAT) Old Time Music Hall
Tour Leader: Don Miller

Aug 11 (SAT) Las Brisas Restaurant and coastal tour – Tour Leader: John Knox

Sept 8 (SAT) OCMAFC Progressive Lunch

Sept 15 (SAT) TBA

Oct 7 (SUN) Frazier Park
our Leader: Don Miller

Oct 20 (SAT) TBA

Nov 10 (SAT) Stop Light Tour
Tour Leader: Don Miller

Nov 15-18 (THURS-SUN) Palm Springs Follies
Tour Leader: Don Miller

OTHER TOURS IN THE MAKING

TBA The General Lyon Auto Collection
Tour Leader: Terry Hardgrave

TBA Irvine park and picnic
Tour Leaders: Terry Hardgrave – Dean Berto

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Jan 13 (SAT) Technical Seminar-See page 13

Jan 14 (SUN) Southern California Regional meeting at Bev Marsh's West Club House. (Please see article on page 13.)

Feb 17 (SAT) Technical Seminar-See page 13

Dec. 6-8 (THURS– SAT) MAFCA National and 50th Anniversary - Ontario, CA (we are in charge of the hospitality room) No tour planned.

DID YOU KNOW?

AAA offers a premium membership that will tow your car 200 miles? The RV package for just a slight fee more, will allow a tow of your trailer as well.

SWAP MEETS

Jan 27- 28 (SAT & SUN) 41st Annual Turlock Swap Meet at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds sponsored by **THE MODESTO AREA A's.** Visit the website for further information, etc. at:www.turlockswapmeet.com.

Feb 23-25 (FRI-SUN) San Diego Swap Meet

OCMAFCA General Meeting

December 7, 2006

Submitted by Colleen Schmidt

The meeting was called to order by **Don Miller** at 7:31 p.m. **Ted Loeffler** led in the salute to the flag. There were 58 members and guests in attendance. **Joanie Harris** introduced **Jack Beers**, who had recently joined our club; and visitors **Richard Bolls** and **Mei Lee**.

Minutes for the November general meeting were approved as printed in the *Distributor*. **Doris Marshall** was present but unable to take the minutes. **Colleen Schmidt** filled in as acting secretary.

Treasurer: Diana Stewart gave the treasurer's report. The Board has approved a budget for 2007. Copies were available for viewing. Dues are coming in nicely, but there are still some who haven't yet paid. Your dues must be paid in order to be listed in the Directory.

Activities: Glenn Johnson claims the San Simeon Hearst Castle tour was the best one of the year. It was all decorated for Christmas. There were six cars from Orange County and six from San Fernando. Later they met up with others from Paso Robles for lunch, including Bev Marsh's son Doug. They visited a place called "Nitwit Ridge," a strange house built in the 30's out of "stuff." Don announced a tour to the San Antonio Winery in L.A. for January 20, 2007. This tour will include a wine tasting and lunch. Other tours coming up include CCRG in Yosemite, and a trip to Yellowstone. **Sharon** thanked everyone who went on the tours and contributed to their success.

Technical: Tom Endy had a display set up of the front spring taken out of his Victoria. He asked for a show of hands from anyone who wanted to share a six-pack of "SLIP Plate" which he recommends when restoring a spring. There will be no seminar in December due to the holidays. Tom served for two years heading up 10 technical seminars in 2005 and 9 in 2006. He thanked everyone for their participation and attention.

Merchandise: Charles Cohen announced that the sweat shirts have sold out. All remaining merchandise is on sale for half price: T-shirts, polo shirts and hats. Next year new merchandise will be at full price.

Editor: Pete Hyland was on vacation.

Monthly Breakfast: Terry Collings has scheduled December 28th at Polly's Pies in Santa Ana. There are usually 20 to 25 people attending each month.

Pancake Breakfast: Volunteers are needed. We have helpers for the raffle, but we are still in need of a chairperson and Terry needs help with food acquisition.

Historian: Dick Smith asked that you please make your needs known if you need *Restorers* for your collection.

Scholarship: Dorothy Knox will have a report in the spring

Refreshments: Chris Foster had a sign-up sheet at the front table for volunteers.

By-Laws: Don announced that the Board has approved the new by-laws. They will be submitted to the membership at the January meeting for final approval. Two major changes were made: First, the Board will consist of only 5 members, eliminating Merchandising and Special Events chairpersons. Second: election of officers will be staggered. The proposed by-laws will be posted on the web page for viewing.

Old Business: Don Ratzlaff discussed putting together a website with some thumbnails of people in the club linked to their names. No addresses or phone numbers-just name and picture. He is not sure which way the project will go or even if it is a good idea. Suggestions were discussed.

Hard Luck Trophy: John Knox won hands down with a broken axle on the way to San Simeon

Car of the Month: 1930 Standard Roadster belonging to **Gary Dial**

Program: David Estess of Loctite addressed the number one cause of mechanical failure: vibration. Loctite is a global manufacturer of adhesives and sealants.

Raffle: The raffle was lead by **Sharon Johnson**.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

OCMAFC Military Veterans

Richard Miller U. S. Army 1953-1955

I was born in Los Angeles, California and went to Dorsey High School. I was attending Harbor Junior College at the time I was drafted into the US Army in November 1953. I was sent to Fort Ord, California for basic training. Since I was married at the time and we lived in a trailer, I was able to move my wife and our trailer to a trailer park in Seaside, California. I moved the trailer there in January 1954. My wife, Marion, was able to get on the base at Fort Ord to visit me regularly. Both our parents were also able to come up to visit us from Los Angeles occasionally.

After finishing my basic training, which included a bout with pneumonia, I was sent to Camp Gordon, Georgia for six months training as a field radio repairman. We pulled our trailer to a trailer park near Augusta, Georgia and lived there for the six months. Our first daughter was born in the Camp Gordon Army Hospital. I was able to live off post with my family during most of that time. While we lived in Georgia we witnessed the segregation that was still going on in the South.

After completing the training I was sent to the Sacramento Signal Corps Depot. We again pulled our trailer, which by now was a newer and bigger trailer, to a trailer park in Orangevale, California. I was most fortunate not to have been sent overseas and also to be able to come back to California and live off base with my wife and daughter. Both our parents were again able to come up to visit us occasionally and see their new grand daughter.

I spent the balance of my two years in the army repairing radios and mowing lawns on the base there in Sacramento. The training I received greatly benefited me, and since I had always been interested in electronics, I was well equipped to start a business installing and repairing radio controlled garage door and gate operators. My son in law later worked with me for a few years to learn the business and when I retired he and my daughter have continued working in this business, which is located in Garden Grove.



Richard & Marion Miller 1954

Historians Corner

Dick Smith – Club Historian / Librarian

This month I would like to pay respect to Gerald R Ford. He once said “I’m not a Lincoln, I’m A FORD”, God bless you. (1913-2006)

Some months ago, at our club meeting, I offered 600W Transmission / Differential oil to any member free of charge that raised their hand. The requests were overwhelming, and subsequently all oil was distributed. I want to share with you how this offer came about.

The following is a collaboration of remembrances, from Dan Adelmann & Dick Smith.

I thought it would be worthwhile to pass on the saga of the oil. Long ago in a galaxy far, far away... oops, that is a different story. It started when Dan Adelmann had read an extensive article about 600 weight oil in “*Skinned Knuckles*”. The article discussed such mundane things as tenacity and lubricity and such. It also talked about current equivalent gear oils by Chevron and Shell oil. He and Greg Carcerano discussed the current cost of \$6.50 plus tax, per quart seeming to be very expensive. They wondered if they could find an alternative for club members at a far reduced cost. After extensive research (a few phone calls via the yellow pages), they ended up purchasing from Chevron, a Heavy Duty Gear Oil EP 150 680 in a 5 Gal. Can. Dan also purchased a convenient hand pump to dispense the oil.

Dan Adelmann offered to members this oil twice at our club meetings, with nearly no response. After many, many months, actually over a year or so of being moved around Dan’s garage, Dan had an idea. Let’s donate it to someone else. At this moment I believe a curse came over this oil.

Dick Smith really liked the ideas of giving the oil to club members, so he was happy (?) to take on the project. This is where the real saga begins. Dan loaded the oil in Kenny Dierkens “NEW” pickup and off to the meeting they went. On the way to the meeting, Kenny swerved to miss a car that was to take the same spot he was in on the freeway. There was a strange sound from the back of the truck. Kenny quickly pulled off the freeway and we checked the bed. It seemed that the oil canister decided to move and tip over, spilling oil in the bed. They quickly wiped up all the oil or so they thought. Now, after accepting the oil I forgot to transfer it to my truck at the meeting, so home I went without it. On the way home, Dan and Kenny stopped at the market, bought several bags cat litter and proceeded to cover the bed of Kenny’s new truck in cat litter. The next

day, Dan and Kenny got together and went to a car wash. Many hours, rags and cleaners later, Kenny and Dan had a somewhat clean truck bed. My comment to Kenny was; I’ll bet there were no squeaks. For some reason, Kenny didn’t see much humor in that.

Finally the transfer was made and so was the curse. The following is the Christmas message I sent to Kenny Dierken.

“Hi Kenny, Merry Christmas.

I just wanted to let you know that the curse of the oil has passed. During my tenure the oil sat in the back of my roadster pickup body in a plastic bag. After filling the last bottle for club members, I put the fill tube around the pump handle which later came loose & fell into the seat cavity, which is lower than the 5 gal. container. The remaining residual oil siphoned out into the insulation under the seat, what a mess.

I took the pump mechanism & wrapped it into a heavy duty plastic bag & put it in my side yard until I could find a home for it.

Of course it got dumped over, the dog wouldn’t admit to it but, I now have a permanent stain.

Next it went to the clubs White Elephant sale, but time ran out before we could auction it, so I put it back into the front passenger floor of my F250 pickup. Of course the plastic bag by now has worn a hole from the sharp edge of the pump. Now my factory carpet floor mat has a large very smelly stain, after spraying with engine cleaner, & carpet cleaner I unceremoniously threw them with the pump into the trash.

Let’s hope that’s the end of the oil story, or let’s hope Waste Management doesn’t ticket me for toxic waste residue into the trash.....Dick”

You can borrow any **Restorer** in my collection or any **Distributor** in our clubs collection, or to suggest stories or articles you would like to submit please call or e-mail me at modeladick@yahoo.com

Your next Club meeting is January 11 (second Thursday), hope you drive you’re A’s-----Dick

NEW MEMBER

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1930 40-B Roadster

Glad to have you with us!!



MEMBERS OF THE YEAR 2006

This year 10 very deserving people received recommendation for Member of the Year. It was a very busy year and many people continue to contribute their time and expertise to make our club what it is.

Again, this year the 2-person team of **Glenn and Sharon Johnson** were overwhelmingly nominated to receive the award. Sharon has been Glenn's partner and does a lot of the legwork, research and record keeping for the Activities and tours. In addition she has managed the raffle table each month, making sure there are items for both men and women.

Glenn plans the activities and makes sure everyone has a good time.

The year started right out in January with the annual Poker run, carefully orchestrated ahead of time by Glenn traveling the route and planning the stops and lunch and distributing the prizes for the winning hands, with Sharon right alongside.

February was the Queen Mary tour and Titanic exhibit. Even though the annual Pancake Breakfast was in March, with Glenn in era costume, organizing the parking of cars, car judging, and designing and making the awards, he was also planning the trip to Paso Robles for the annual CCRG trip. Again, Sharon was right there with him.

April had the overnight trip to Laughlin and the day tour to the Floral Park Home/Garden tour and then on to the Garden Grove Historic Park.

May was the Huntington Harbor Poker Run and the trip to Ronald Reagan Library and tour of the retired Air Force One plane.

June they were off to Lake Arrowhead and the Wooden Boat Show, as well as the Henry Ford Picnic in Downey.

The really big effort was planning the "Great Train Ride" from LA to Boston via Amtrak to the MAFCA National Convention and mini tour of southern New England.

Sharon nearly tore her hair out keeping up with the reservations, changes, complaints and everything else that goes along with a trip of this magnitude. Everyone who went has unforgettable memories, some good and some not so good.

In September they were off to Apple Hill in Placerville and later the Perris Railroad/Trolley Museum.

October included the trip to San Sylmar Nethercutt Museum and the Pumpkin Tour and Manifold cooking picnic at a local park. The Progressive brunch took place during this time, as well as the All Ford Picnic and Ford Fun Day.

November included the annual trip to Palm Springs and the Follies.

December topped off this fabulous year with the San Simeon/Cambria tour which included Hearst Castle at night, decorated for Christmas, "Nitwit Ridge", the Elephant Seals beach, Ragged Point Resort for brunch at the entrance to Big Sur area on Highway One.

I'm worn out just reliving this year and the fun times we had. Interestingly enough, Glenn's position is being replaced with a team of 5 and Sharon's raffle position is a team of 3.

A very hard act to follow. Thank you Glenn and Sharon for all you continuously do to keep the OCMAFCA and MAFCA so much fun and of which we all are happy to be a part.

Model A Excitement

By Don Ratzlaff

Driving a Ford Model A can be exciting; especially an un-modified Model A. That would be one with the original 4 cylinder (40 horsepower) power plant, a “non-syncro” 3-speed transmission, mechanical brakes, manual-choke,-throttle,-spark adjustments and a 6-volt battery and generator supplying the electricity for starting and operating the engine and accessories. The excitement begins when trying to start the engine and, keep it running, while manually adjusting the choke, spark and throttle settings. Additional excitement comes from having to double-clutch when shifting up through the gears and having to sync engine speed to road speed when down shifting. More excitement can be experienced through driving at night with headlights capable of lighting up six feet of the road in front of the car. One might also derive some excitement from wondering whether that car, fast-approaching from the rear, can see your lonely little tail light.

However, a real rush of adrenaline can be had when it is necessary to stop at an intersection at the bottom of a hill. Standing on the brake peddle will produce a noticeable decrease in speed but stopping is another matter. With luck the vehicle will stop just beyond the intersection, assuming no cross-traffic. If there happens to be cross-traffic; then prayer may help. One or two of these episodes will have a pronounced effect upon your love of driving a Model A; not to mention your level of hypertension.

Such a recent “braking” event has prompted me to purchase and install a set of brake “floaters” into my 1929 Tudor. The floaters are the product of “Flathead Ted” Enterprises of New Zealand and were featured in a recent article in the Model A Times. After installing the floaters I am happy to report that stopping at the intersection at the bottom of the hill was accomplished without the prayer. A significant improvement in braking ability was achieved. However, I would still advise against all panic stops in a Model A. Who needs all that excitement?

Courtesy Flathead Ted



The “floater kit” is shown at left and was ordered on-line from: www.flatheadted.com.

The installation instructions seemed adequate, with no modifications required on the existing hardware. A view of a front wheel assembly is shown at right.

Courtesy Flathead Ted



Old Timers!

by Tom Endy

There are a lot of old timers in our club. "Old" meaning they have been in the club a long time. Although some of them are old as well. The oldest timer in the club is Richard Parrish. He is a plank owner and his name appears on the original club incorporation papers of 1962, along with Jim Marsh, Bev Marsh's late husband. I'm not sure if Richard and Jeanne were married then, I suspect she was still in grade school in 1962. Richard, as well as both Bev and Jim Marsh, are past club presidents.

Richard is a true Model A'er. He will drive his Model A anywhere, Kansas, Canada, the east coast it doesn't matter to him. The scary thing is he says he never carries any spare parts with him. He says he doesn't plan to break down.

For the newer club members who may not know Richard he is easy to spot at club meetings. He is the fellow wearing an early era orange club jacket. He wears it to protest a club decision made years ago to do away with orange club jackets.

Richard & Jeanne Parrish once had their picture on the cover of the Restorer. The May-June 1968 publication shows them dressed in era clothing standing in front of their Model A and brandishing firearms in the tradition of Bonny & Clyde. The photo was again published in the Restorer. It can be seen on page 21 of the March-April 2005 publication. The article also includes a picture of seven-year-old grandson Koty Parrish on tsunami watch on the big island of Hawaii in 2003. ☺



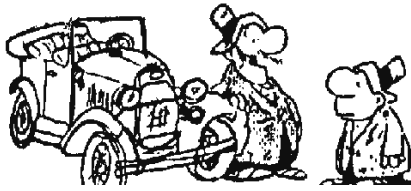
Bonny & Clyde Parrish 1968



Richard & Jeanne Parrish



Koty Parrish on tsunami watch in Hawaii 2003



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 2 New car dollies. \$ 20.00 ea.

Dick 949-770-6847

TECHNICAL 2007

Greg Earhart

My objectives, as your technical director, are to provide fun, assistance, inspiration, knowledge, skills, and encouragement for you to drive your Model A's on tour. I'm sure John and Dorothy Knox will be scheduling some outstanding 2007 activities.

Technical: Yes there will be a seminar in **January. Bob and Patty Ferazzi** will be opening their garage for a demonstration on the method of frame straightening, cross member replacement, and hot riveting. For those interested in Model A restoration this is a must attend program. So, let's get dirty.

Date: January 13th (Saturday)
Time: 9:00 am
Location: 13402 Laurinda Way
Santa Ana, CA 92705

UPCOMING SEMINAR:

February --- Lew and Joan Lewis will be opening their garage for a demonstration on the installation of the new "**Flathead Ted Brake Floaters**". Assisting Lew will be Gary Dial, Don Ratzlaff, Wade Ratzlaff, and Dan Adelman. This should be one of those seminars not to miss. **Model A Times Vol. Two**, Issue Four, Fall 2006 has an article on this newly advertised product. (Ed. Note---Please see article on Page 9).

Date: February 17th (Saturday)
Time: 9:00 am
Location: 25211 Grissom Road
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Battery Drainage. For those that attended Tom Endy's excellent program on the Model A Electrical System, you will recall the importance of disconnecting the battery from the electrical system each time your vehicle goes into a storage mode. Many of you have installed a safety switch, GREAT. However for those who use the fuse method remember to remove it or lift one leg of the fuse to open the circuit. Save a Battery.

TIP: For those using a fuse, put a small electrical Wire Tie Rap around the center section of the fuse this will make it easy to pull the fuse up. Always have a spare fuse as they do short out.

In closing I would like to encourage all men and ladies of the club to take part in our seminars. I hope to have some interesting activities for ladies to do at these gathering i.e. make steering wheel covers, quilting, and craft items. These items could be custom made for individual use or club offerings (auction items).

Please help me by providing me with ideas of interest to you; specific needs. I will be providing a schedule sign up sheet at the January meeting. This is your opportunity to get work performed on your Model A from a group of experts. All you need to do is provide the required parts, a place and tools. What a deal.

Keep the rubber side down and the pedal to the metal.



Sunshine & Sorrow

By Jeanne Parrish

Gary Discher had knee surgery on both legs 12/14. He seems to be coming along OK; it's been a bit rough, but we know he is a built "Ford Tough"! We sure hope he will be back with us very soon. We miss you both, Gary and Joanne, who is a great care-giver.

This reporter was lucky to speak to Betty Eatherton over the Christmas holiday. She and husband, Joe were long time members of Orange County in the early years... '60's and '70's. Sadly, Joe passed away in 1998. Betty had been ill for some time, but as of now she is very well & happy, residing in Brea. She has a large family, with 2 sons, Joe Jr. and wife Sue, Jim and wife Pat, many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Joe Jr. and Sue are members of the Jewel City Model A Ford Club. It was a real pleasure to talk with her, after so many years and recall some of the early times of Orange County. Perhaps this year we can arrange to have her accompany us on some of our tours. That would be a real treat. We wish you well, Betty, and hope to see you soon "on the road" again with us.

"HAPPY NEW YEAR" TO ALL!

Saturday February 10th

***Brea's "Art in Public Places"
Statuaries - an All Street Tour***

9:30 meet at the Knox home.*

Tour begins at the **Knox home** and follows local roads to some very nice public sculptures. You will be provided a



map and route descriptions to drive (in some cases walk) by some very nice sculptures. Tour ends with lunch choices from a number of venues around a delightful swimming hole with figurines of children playing in the water.

One of Brea's first pledges to art began in 1975 with Art in Public Places. This program was designed to integrate public art with private development. A City Ordinance that requires developments over \$1.5 million to provide 1% of their total value in outdoor sculpture for public display. All artists and art pieces are selected by private developers (not the City). The art pieces are funded, maintained and privately owned. This nationally recognized "percent for art" program now includes over 140 sculptures all in public view throughout the City. With art sculptures at every bend in the road, the entire City becomes an outdoor gallery. Art in Public Places features a wide range of mediums, styles and approaches by local, national.

*The Knox home at 1146 N. Puente St. Brea. Puente St. is 1 mile east of Harbor (2 miles west of the 75 frwy), and a block below Whittier Blvd. and 1 mile north of Imperial Hwy. **562-697-2545.**

Southern Calif. Regional Meeting

The calendar planning for the MAFCA So. Cal. Region will be held at Bev Marsh's west clubhouse on Sun. Jan. 14th, 2007. It will start at 10 a.m. All are invited. **IMPORTANT:** the West Clubhouse is down Grand Manan from the East Clubhouse where the meetings are usually held. The address is 6909 Grand Manan, Cypress. Bev's cell (if you get lost) is (714) 373-9769.

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

Thursday, January 25

8:30 a.m.

Knott's Berry Farm

Chicken Dinner Restaurant

Free parking (3 hour) near restaurant

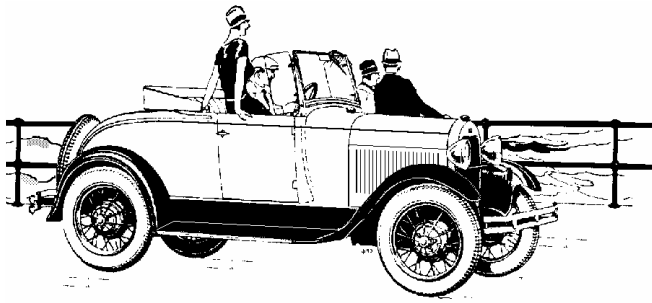
Info: Terry Collings 714-970-7194

AWARD WINNER FROM BANQUET

Our Immediate Past President and First Lady were the Winners of the award for having gone on the most tours.

Congratulations to Don & Sally Miller





General Meeting

7:30 PM

January 11, 2007

[Second Thursday of every month]

(Board meeting at 6:00 PM

in adjoining meeting room)

CHOC Hospital Complex

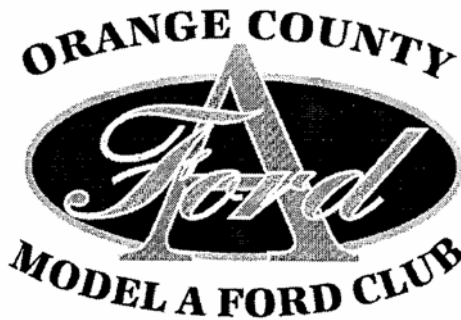
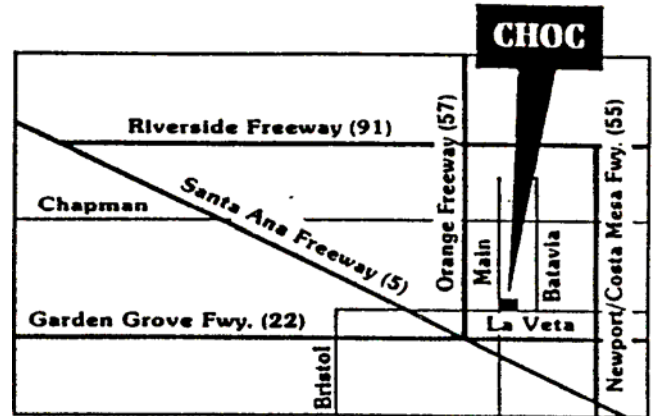
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From Main Street, turn east onto Providence Ave. and immediately, on your right, enter the structure and park on the second level. Meeting room accessed from parking structure.

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